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SUBJECT: LAW OF THE SEA SAUDI ARABIA AND EVENSEN GROUP MEETING

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1. IN A MEETING WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MANSOURI

JANUARY 17 THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THE SUBJECT OF THE LAW OF

THE SEA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS AND THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH

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TO PREPARING THE GROUND FOR THE MAY SESSION IN NEW YORK

WHICH MIGHT BE THE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO REACHING AGREEMENT

ON A COMPREHENSIVE TREATY. MANSOURI REMARKED THAT THERE

SEEMED TO BE NO MAJOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE SAUDI AND

THE US POSITIONS ON IMPORTANT ISSUES AND SAID THE SAG WEL-

COMES CONTINUING CONSULTATION.

2. LATER SAME DAY EMBASSY LOS OFFICER MET WITH MOHAMMAD MADANI, SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTRY LOS EXPERT AND SAUDI DELEGATE TO ARAB REGIONAL LOS MEETING. (MADANI WAS LEAVING SAME EVENING FOR CAIRO.) MADANI SAID THAT SAUDI UN DELEGATION HAD NOT REPORTED DECEMBER 17 STATEMENT BY NEW YORK LOS SECRETARIAT CONCERNING EVENSEN GROUP MEETING. HE HAD REQUESTED CONFIRMATION REPORT FROM SAUDI UN MISSION AND WHEN IT IS RECEIVED (POSSIBLY WHILE HE IS IN CAIRO) HE WILL DISCUSS ATTENDANCE WITH OTHER ARAB LOS DELEGATIONS.

3. MADANI PERSONALLY WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE EVENSEN GROUP MEETING. HE SAID THAT THIS KIND OF INTERSESSIONAL MEETING IS VITAL IF THERE IS TO BE AGREEMENT AT NEW YORK IN MAY. HE IS CONVINCED FROM HIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AT LOS TREATY SESSIONS THAT IF THERE IS NOT GENERAL AGREEMENT PRIOR TO THE NEW YORK SESSION THE MEETING WILL FALL APART IN SQUABBLING.

4. WE ALSO DISCUSSED WITH MADANI THE TALKING POINTS TRANSMITTED REF B AND LEFT "PIECE OF PAPER" OUTLINING THEM. MADANI SAID ONLY THAT HE FORESAW NO DIFFICULTY IN ALIGNING US AND SAUDI POSITIONS ON ALL OUTSTANDING LOS QUESTIONS.
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